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Cyprus: *The appointment of Sakari Tuomioja of Finland as UN mediator for Cyprus is a step toward implementing that part of the UN resolution aiming at a political settlement on the island.

The British high commissioner in Cyprus doubts, however, that the mediator will be able to make much progress toward a final political solution in the three-month period specified in the UN resolution.

In Cyprus, the approximately 1,000 Canadian troops of the UN peace-keeping force are setting up camp on the outskirts of Nicosia. General Gyani, commander of the UN force, returned to Nicosia yesterday from Geneva where he had conferred with U Thant regarding his mission. Small advance parties of Swedish and Finnish troops are scheduled to leave for Cyprus tomorrow. The British high commissioner recently said he expected that Gyani and his force would be "all set and ready to go" by 5 April.

Meanwhile, relief problems created by the movement of large numbers of Turkish and Greek Cypriots out of mixed villages earlier in the crisis may become increasingly complicated by political issues.

The British commissioner of Joint Relief Activities believes the Cypriot Government will soon give the commission the option of distributing relief supplies according to guidance furnished by the government, which he said would discriminate against the Turks, or of leaving the island. The commissioner believes the Greek Cypriots assume that supplies could be obtained from other sources--presumably the USSR.

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South Korea: Large-scale student demonstrations in Seoul on 24 March may inspire a new effort to oust regime strongman Kim Chong-pil.

Kim is in Tokyo trying to expedite the talks which Seoul has hoped might break the impasse in the long negotiations to normalize South Korea's relations with Japan. The demonstrators not only demanded that the government make no concessions to Japan on the sensitive issue of fishing rights, but denounced "national traitors" and clamored for Kim's recall.

*In a conference with government officials this morning, student representatives threatened new demonstrations if the talks with Japan are not ended and students arrested yesterday released. According to late press reports, a number of students are staging a sit-down strike before the National Assembly and the presidential mansion.

A new attack on Kim would be likely to come both from those who inspired the demonstrations to embarrass the government and from members of the regime itself who have long sought to break Kim's power.

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Iran: [The government is completing its roundup of potentially dissident Kurdish leaders without any major incident. The initial Kurdish reactions of anger, confusion, and fear may possibly be followed by some resistance.]

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Jordan: King Husayn, in addition to presenting the Arab case against Israel during his visit to Washington in mid-April, will raise the spectre of Soviet military aid to Jordan in an effort to obtain US aircraft and other equipment. He said Jordan could get MIG-21s at one third the cost of comparable Western planes. He also hopes, following his recent visit to Cairo, to obtain surplus Egyptian equipment of US and UK origin.

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Chile: The Radical Party (PR), which has withdrawn from the center-right Democratic Front, is inclined to endorse Allende, the Communist-Socialist Popular Action Front candidate for the presidency, according to a prominent PR senator. He expects the party plenum to confirm this on 4 April. PR rank-and-file resentment against the Christian Democrats (PDC), and the failure of PDC's Eduardo Frei to make a magnanimous political overture to the Radicals, make it unlikely that they could be led to support Frei.

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